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SUBJECT: RTG OFFICIALS DENY THAI TROOPS TO CAMBODIA

REF: BANGKOK 5878

1. IN PAST THREE DAYS SEVERAL SENIOR RTG OFFICIALS
HAVE DENIED TO PRESS THAT THAI TROOPS ARE IN OR WILL
BE SENT TO CAMBOIDA.

2. APRIL 24 BANGKOK NATION ARTICLE STATES LTG KRIANGSAK
CHOMANAN, DEP CHIEF OF STAFF, SUPREME COMMAND, WAS
QUERIED BASED ON WIRE SERVICE REPORT OF THAI VOLUNTEER
IN LAOS WHO SAID HE WAS BEING SENT TO CAMBODIA.
KRIANGSAK REPORTEDLY RESPONDED THAT NO THAI TROOPS HAVE BEEN SENT
TO CAMBODIA AND THERE ARE NO PLANS TO
SEND ANY. DRIANGSAK REPORTEDLY CONTINUED THAT STORIES OF
THAI TROOPS WOUNDED IN CAMBODIA BEING BROUGHT TO A
BANGKOK HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT ARE INCORRECT AND PROBABLY
REFERRED TO CAMBODIAN TROOPS TRAINED IN THAILAND WHO RETURNED
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3. BANGKOK POST APRIL 25 REPORTS CAMBODIAN AMBASSADOR TIM NGOUN TOLD INTERVIEWER THAT KHMER REPUBLIC HAS NOT ASKED FOR THAI TROOPS BUT DID ASK FOR CONTINUED THAI TRAINING OF CAMBODIAN ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL.

4. APRIL 25 THAI AND CHINESE PAPERS REPORTED DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER CHARTCHAI CHUNHAWAN TOLD NEWSMEN THAT THAILAND HAS NOT DISPATCHED COMBAT TROOPS TO CAMBODIA AND WILL NOT DO SO. USIS SOURCE STATES CHARTCHAI WAS EMPHATIC IN HIS DENIAL.

5. AT APRIL 25 NEWS CONFERENCE GOVERNMENT HOUSE SPOKESMAN NISSAI VEJAJIVA REAFFIRMED CHARTCHAI'S DENIAL.
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